

LOCAL EVENTS

—Clytean club met at Bessie Templeton's Wednesday afternoon.

—F. W. McDowell, the photographer is now located in Loudenville, O., whither his business equipment was shipped this week. Mr. McDowell is a photographer of many years and wide experience and his work in Medina was highly successful. Loudenville people can depend upon excellent service if they place their work with Mr. McDowell.

—The case of Ida Lee, whose peculiar actions in Medina last summer caused her to be detained by the local authorities and who is in trouble again in Cleveland, notice of which appears in another column of this paper, has taken a new and very unfortunate angle. An affidavit signed by her was responsible for the arrest Tuesday night of Mr. M. D. Kimmell of Medina, whom she charges as having contributed to her delinquency. Mr. Kimmell was taken to Cleveland Tuesday night and released Wednesday morning on a bond of \$500. Mr. Kimmell is vehement in his denial of guilt and insists that he is the victim of a frame-up.

—Mrs. Clara Waite of Brunswick, mother of H. A. Waite of Medina, was taken to German hospital, Cleveland, Wednesday afternoon, where she will undergo a very serious operation Saturday morning.

—The case against John Hammond of Litchfield for the illegal killing of skunk, which was brought before Mayor Randall last week was continued Tuesday morning until Dec. 14, upon request of defendant's counsel. Some have questioned the jurisdiction of Mayor Randall in this matter. But the law states that any violation of the game laws of the state may be adjudicated by any mayor or justice of the peace. Careless hunters should remember this.

—In order to facilitate the handling and delivery of mail during the Christmas holidays, the requirement that domestic matter on bearing the address side adhesive seals or stickers, other than lawful postage stamps, shall be treated as unmailable, is here by suspended from Dec. 1, 1915 to Jan. 1, 1916. Postmasters shall, however inform their patrons that such seals and stickers should not be placed on the address side of mail.

—The Willing Workers Circle of King's Daughters met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Albert Sedgewick.

—The freshman and sophomore classes and all the high school teachers will hold a party in the Garfield building this evening.

—Tuesday evening Mrs. O. B. Dealing celebrated her 75th birthday anniversary, in the form of a surprise party. Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Newberry and L. D. Newberry and wife of Creston and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McNeal were the guests.

—The Golden Rule Circle of King's Daughters met last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. F. M. Plank.

—Mrs. Orlo Nickerson of Winthrop, Mass., died at Savannah, Georgia last week while on her way to their winter home in Florida. She formerly lived in Litchfield and was an aunt of Mr. O. C. and Mr. V. E. Thatcher of Medina.

—The Medina Methodist choir, assisted by Miss Helen Clark, reader, will give a musical service in the M. E. church at Brunswick Sunday evening.

—The Misses Rymes, McDougal, Helco Hobart, Genevieve Brintriall, Inez McNeal, DeArmon H. alk, Mrs. Brintriall, Mrs. Harvey Gable, Mr. Bert Hammerschmidt, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Beck constituted the party attending the Schumann-Heink concert at Cleveland Tuesday evening.

—Wednesday morning J. M. Butcher took over the Southwestern's electric package business in Medina, being appointed by the company as their official agent for this business here. Mr. Butcher purchased a horse and wagon Monday and was on the job early Wednesday morning.

—Wring to a broken trolley wire at Mansfield Monday morning the north-bound car due here at 7:48 did not arrive until 10:22.

—The contract for erecting the new building near the standpipe in which to house the village street implements and tools was awarded Friday to Leavitt, Watters & Crofoot for \$763. There was only one other bidder, Clement Co., whose bid was \$769. As stipulation to all bidders was that the cost of the building should not exceed \$800.

—A meeting of the State Bookkeepers' association was held in Akron last Saturday, which is reported to have been one of the most successful ones the association has had. At the afternoon session E. R. Root of Medina read a paper on "shipping of honey." The next meeting will be held in Columbus and a field meet in Toledo during the summer.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hobart announce that their daughter, Miss Vera Hobart, will become the wife of Naval Constructor Ross Schlabach some time during the holiday season, the exact date of which is not yet to be made public. Mr. Schlabach is now stationed at Portsmouth, N. H.

—Advertised letters at the Medina postoffice are for Sam Baker, J. Fairbanks, Mr. DeLong, Ivan Huffman, R. E. Leach, Charley Toth and Mrs. Evelyn Williams.

—The ladies of St. Paul's Guild will hold a bazaar and dinner Thursday, Dec. 9 at the parish house from 11 till 1 o'clock.

—Evaline R. Showers was granted a divorce last week from Jas. B. Showers. They are residents of Wadsworth.

—A baby girl was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Terry of South Court street.

—At the home of D. R. Pelton last Tuesday evening the Methodist Sunday school board enjoyed an oyster supper. Among other items of business transacted was the acceptance of the proposal from the superintendent of schools, W. S. Edmund, by which the work done in the Sunday school will count toward attaining sufficient units to allow graduation from the Medina high school.

—The Woman's Missionary society will meet next Monday with Mrs. C. O. Clark on North Huntington street.

—Lt.-Col. Elijah W. Halford, a prominent Methodist layman, will address a union meeting of all Medina churches in the Congregational church next Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock, central time. Mr. Halford has for many years been a leading advocate of missions. He is vice-chairman of the executive committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement (interdenominational) and holds the same office in the Laymen's Missionary movement of the Methodist church. Possessing a magnetic personality and being a fascinating public speaker, Col. Halford makes personal friends where ever he goes, as well as many converts to the missionary cause.

—Mrs. H. H. Root entertained the Ladies' Benevolent society at the Congregational church at her home yesterday afternoon.

—Mrs. Faur Anderson entertained Mrs. Harold Tubbs' class of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church at her home Wednesday afternoon.

—Grand Master Edwin C. Wright and Grand Secretary C. H. Lyman of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of the State will hold a special session of the Grand Lodge in the I. O. O. F. temple in Medina on Friday evening, Dec. 3, to which all Odd Fellows are invited.

—The Busy Bees were entertained yesterday at the home of Mrs. P. C. Bigelow.

MAKING DOG QUESTION A POLITICAL ISSUE

State Auditor Donahey has declared war on the tramp cur dog. He wants him either killed or taxed. In southern Ohio hill counties the outcast dog has well nigh ruined the sheep industry. Last year tax on Ohio dogs amounted to \$233,790. The total damages waid was \$105,702.

Only half the dogs are listed for taxes. Many that are listed never pay. Hamilton county has the most dogs, nearly 10,000. In 1868 there were 7,688,845 sheep in Ohio. Today only 1,627,904. The price of both wool and mutton is higher now than the average price for many years. Knox county leads with 85,000 sheep.

In Medina county for the year ending April 10, 1915, 496 sheep valued at \$2,357, had been killed by dogs; 198 were injured at a cost to the county of \$462; the total amount paid out for sheep killed and injured was \$1,859; amount paid for witness fees, \$88.14; total damages paid, \$1,988.14. The amount on hand at the beginning of the year was \$3,043.02; amount per capita tax on dogs collected, \$2,011.30.

The last legislature passed a bill providing that each dog, on which tax was paid, wear a metal tag with these words, "Dog Tax Paid." For first male dog \$1. For each additional dog \$2. For first female dog \$2 and for each additional \$6. Dogs not wearing the tag to be killed. Sheep owners in the sheep counties demanded this law. The law makers passed it. Governor Willis vetoed it.

The increasing number of hydrophobia cases and danger to human beings as well as animals has made the tramp dog question a political issue in some townships of Ohio, and is considered much more important than the question of tariff on wool.

SILVER MEDAL CONTEST

The W. C. T. U. will give a Silver Medal contest at the Congregational church, Friday, Dec. 3, at 8 o'clock, of which the following is the program, as well as the names of the contestants:

Contestants
Aeolia Jamison Pearl Sheppard
LeOma Woolley Helen Clark
Estella Sheppard Dorothy Rice

Program
Organ Prelude, "In the Courts of Jamshyd," from the "Persian Suite" Frysinger

Mrs. Lewis H. Randall
Invocation Rev. H. Samuel Fritsch
No. 1. "Gilbert Allison Hears a Voice"
Piano Solo, "Winter," Op. 169, No. 4. H. Lichner

Pauline Steingass
No. II. "A Voice from the Poorhouse"
Vocal Solo, selected.

Miss Genevieve Brintriall
No. III. "Who Killed Joe's Baby?"
Piano Solo, "The Impromptu," Op. 28, No. 3 Reinhold

Miss Helen Ganyard
No. IV. "God's Errands Never Fail"
Vocal Solo, selected

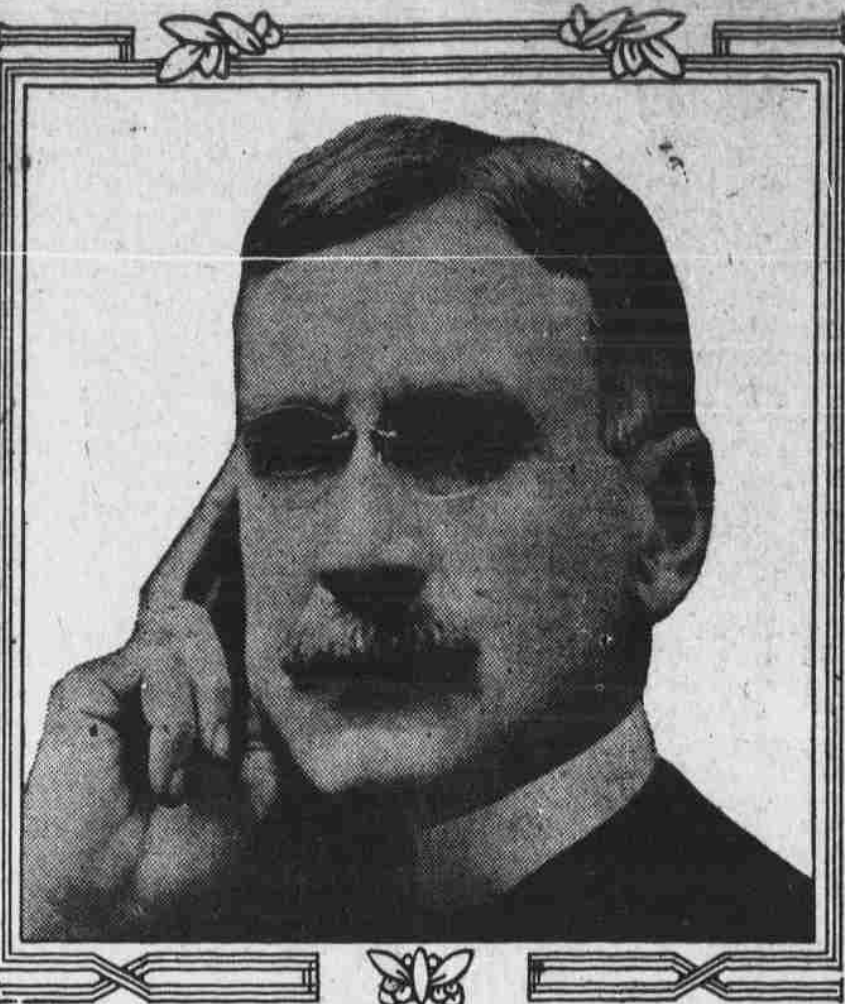
Miss Myrtle Lefferty
No. V. "Old Soapy"
Organ Solo, selected

Mrs. Lewis H. Randall
No. VI. "The Court of Last Resort"
Retirement of Judges

Talk and Presentation of Medal
Rev. H. Samuel Fritsch
Reading, selected

Treva Abbott Fish
Benediction

Judge George D. Alden



NO lecturer on the American platform has a finer right to claim a place in the attention of the people. A descendant of the Aldens of New England, whose names are inextricably woven into the warp and woof of American history, he inherits a deep and abiding interest in things American. An able lawyer, honored by appointment to the bench and serving with fidelity during a ten years' term, he has had a wide contact with humanity. Called to the platform by his pre-eminent abilities as an advocate and pleader, he is eminently qualified to discuss in an enlightening and ennobling way the problems of modern life. A philosopher, humorist and poet at heart, he is intensely practical and absorbingly interesting. His lectures on present day problems, "The Needs of the Hour" and "The Powder and the Match," are platform classics and have been received with enthusiastic approval in every state in the Union. "I always feel," says Dr. Frank W. Gunsulius, the noted divine, "that life is more worth the living and the influences of our time are more surely consecrated to high ends when he has delivered his message."

Wed. Evening, Dec. 8. Congregational Church

SPECIAL SALES

From our Bargain Counter for Saturday and all next week.

Beef Steak (round or loin)	18c lb.
Beef Roast	16c lb.
Beef Boil Shoulder	14c lb.
Beef Boil (2nd cut neck)	12 1-2c lb.
Beef Boil (ribs)	10-11c lb.
Pork (Loin, Roast or Chop)	18c lb.
Pork (Shoulder, Roast or Chop)	16c lb.
Pork Shoulder (4 to 6 lb. chunk)	14c lb.
Pork Shoulder (10-15-20 lb. chunk)	10-11-12 1-2c lb.
Beef oy quarter or 1-2 quarter	10-11c lb.
Bacon chunk	18c lb.
Sugar cured hams (while they last)	17c lb.
Oysters (large enough to fry)	35c qt.

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OHIO DEATH RATE HAS DECREASED

Deaths from all causes totalled 55,078 in Ohio, as compared with 68,399 in 1913, figures compiled by Dr. M. W. Bland, state registrar of vital statistics, show. The state's death rate, accordingly dropped from 13.78 per thousand of population to 12.94.

Ohioans should not flatter themselves, however, that the salubrity of the climate has been increased or sanitary conditions improved. They should not forget that the great flood of 1913 caused immediate deaths numbering 440 and was directly and indirectly responsible for probably \$1,500 to 2,000 more. In fact, many deaths in 1914 are believed to have resulted from exposure, contagion and nervous shock caused by the floods of the year before.

All of the contagious diseases show a big falling off in number of victims, the rate per thousand for diphtheria dropping from 21.17 to 15.42. The death rate for scarlet fever fell from 6.53 to 4.56.

Typhoid fever alone became less fatal, the death rate falling from 23.99 to 18.14.

Tuberculosis in its various forms is still far the most prolific cause of death in Ohio, although the rate decreased from 132.34 to 130.58. The total number of victims fell from 6,754 in 1913 to 6,564 in 1914, a decrease of just 290. Pulmonary tuberculosis, affecting the lungs, slightly increased its fatal work, however, the rate raising from 110.63 to 110.96, and the number of victims from 4,593 to 5,578.

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MOVEMENT MADE TO CENTRALIZE CHURCHES

Call went out Saturday for a meeting of churchmen from every city, village and rural community in Ohio, to be held in Columbus, Dec. 9, for the purpose of organizing a state federation of churches, similar to those now existing in 20 other states. The hope of leaders in the movement is to eliminate eventually the spirit of narrow sectarianism which they say now causes gross waste of money and effort and overlapping of church fields.

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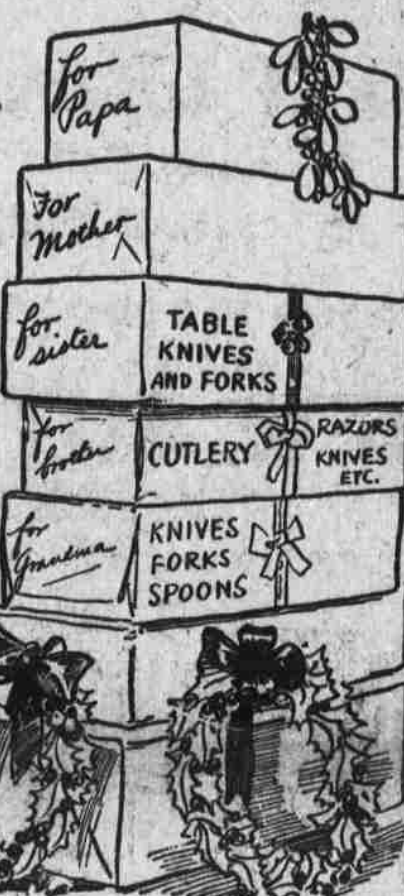
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A Few Suggestions

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The Practical Xmas Store

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OATMANS HDWE.

The conference will be held simultaneously with those of the Commission on Church and Country Life and the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, an interesting inter-denominational organization, scheduled for Dec. 8, 9, and 10.

On a later date special attention will be given the rural districts at the conference of Ohio church leaders. Unification of religious efforts in Ohio is necessitated, it is declared, by facts shown in a recent survey of the state. Only one-third of country churches are growing. There are far too many churches and their districts overlap. They have as members less than 40 per cent of the population because they insist too much on sectarianism and too little on community service, according to the survey.

President Wilson, in his address before the commission on Dec. 10, and Gifford Pinchot on Dec. 8, are expected to emphasize the importance of cooperation among both city and country churches.

As an example typical of what a county or state federation of churches might be expected to do, the enterprise of the Cleveland city federation is cited. Churches there working as

a unit have forbidden the erection of any new church edifice within one-third mile of another church, thus preventing overlapping of church fields. The federation in Cleveland also is credited with having forced abolition of the segregated district and with helping the courts to mediate marital troubles and reduce divorces. Other active federations exist in Toledo, Dayton and Cincinnati. Ministerial associations are not considered actual church federations.

FIND THIEF AND GET \$50

If you see a Ford car bearing as a license number 155,959 and 817,372 as engine number, communicate with Chief of Police Leiner at Wooster, meanwhile, keeping your eye on the driver. It may be worth \$50 to you. The car is alleged to have been stolen last Saturday night and is the property of Eugene Sidle of Wooster. A reward of \$50 is offered for the capture of the thief.

NOTICE

CIDER MAKING:—At Medina mill Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Barrels, kegs and corks for sale. The mill closes Dec. 1. 1-15